



Wilkes Telephone & Electric Company

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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554
Attn: Wireline Competition Bureau

Re: Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90

Dear Ms. Dortch,

Wilkes Telephone and Electric Company ("Wilkes" or the "Company"), Study Area Code 220394, hereby notifies the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC" or "Commission") and the Wireline Competition Bureau ("WCB" or "Bureau") of changes that the Company made to its Study Area Boundary. The changes described herein may have an impact on the Company's future Universal Service Fund ("USF") support including the nationwide calculations for the Alternative Connect America Model ("A-CAM"), if Wilkes elects such support and support under the modified form of rate of return regulation if Wilkes does not elect A-CAM support. Accordingly, Wilkes seeks assurances from the FCC that the correct boundaries are incorporated in the forthcoming reforms.

Wilkes's previously-filed and certified boundaries contained several areas of overlap with Windstream. After ongoing attempts to reconcile the boundaries with Windstream, the Company recently revisited the situation and undertook a deeper analysis of the Georgia Public Utility Commission records and the Company's own service area and determined that its own boundaries needed to be changed.

Wilkes immediately took action and submitted and certified a revised study area shapefile on March 8, 2015. However, the Company remains concerned that these changes will not be incorporated into the forthcoming final versions of the A-CAM and the modified rate of return reform. Wilkes respectfully requests that the FCC allow these corrections to be incorporated as soon as possible to reflect accurately these facts.

Sincerely,

April D. Dyson
President